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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LUNS VISIT TO ANKARA AND ATHENS

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1. NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR GEVERS TOLD ME ABOUT PART OF HIS PRIVATE LUNCHEON WITH SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS WHO WAS HERE IN LONDON TODAY. GEVERS SAID THAT LUNS HAD SENT A TELEGRAM TO BOTH ANKARA AND ATHENS OFFERING TO VISIT AND CONSULT IN THOSE CAPITALS. ANKARA RESPONDED WITH AN "INSULTING" REPLY, INDICATING THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL. NO REPLY HAS COME FROM ATHENS. LUNS BELIEVES THAT IF HE WERE ABLE TO TALK TO THE GREEKS HE MIGHT CONVINCE THEM OF THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS BY LEAVING NATO MILITARILY. HE BELIEVES THAT THE GREEKS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS. THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR THOUGHT THAT LUNS WOULD BE PLEASED TO BE HELPFUL IN

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ANY WAY THE US DESIRED. IN ANY CASE, GEVERS THOUGHT

THIS WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO KNOW SINCE HE WAS UNCLEAR
WHETHER LUNS HAD INFORMED US IN BRUSSELS OF HIS INITIA-
TIVES.

2. FOLLOWING LUNCHEON AMBASSADOR GEVER CALLED TO SAY
THAT HE HAD NOW RECEIVED FCO REACTION TO LUNS PROPOSED
VISIT. FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE
SAID THAT BASICALLY THE TRIP IS A GOOD IDEA BUT NOT NOW.

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